Times-Virginian Editorial Page

Grave Markers Needed

We heartily agree with the suggestion to our friends in the state of Ohio, that fitting markers be erected at the grave of Daniel Decatur Emmett, the Mt. Vernon, Ohio minstrel man who wrote the immortal song, "Dixie."

Several letters have arrived at the desk of Governor Frank Lausche, of Ohio, asking that an appropriate stone marker be erected as part of Ohio's sesquicentennial observation in 1953.

"Dixie" was the battle song of the Confederacy, but it has become more. It is a great national tune, thrilling the pulse of the American people.

But, while we are asking Ohio to mark a grave, we have a request to make of our own Commonwealth—

An appropriate historical marker should be placed in Alexandria, Va. over the grave of WILMER McLEAN—in whose home Generals Lee and Grant met to make peace on April 9, 1865.

McLean stands as a symbol for a united America, and for PEACE.

In an age of war and rumors of war, McLean, the man of peace, should not be forgotten.

We have been to the grave of Wilmer McLean. The simple family marker reads:

Wilmer McLean
son of
Daniel S. & Lucretia McLean
Died June 5, 1882
In the 65th year of his age.

We believe a historical marker is in order. Only so long as America remembers those who had a hand in making the pages of hisotry so fascinating, will we keep our feet on the sound ground of continuity.

ORIENTAL MALADY

(From Washington Post)

Governor Warren has shown that not all Republican leaders are suffering from the strange Oriental malady that afflicts Senator Taft. The symptoms are a decided coolness toward efforts to build military strength in Europe, coupled with a feverish eagerness to unleash new expeditions in Asia. In the acute stage the disease results in proposals like that of Senator Taft for the United States to equip and use the Chinese Nationalist forces on Formosa in an invasion of the Communist-held Chinese mainland. "I don't see how we can just arm 300,000 soldiers and send them to conquer China," Governor Warren replied, "unless we are prepared to follow through and finish the job for them if they failed." He is abundantly right.

If Chiang Kai-Shek could not defeat the Communists when the Nationalists had marked superiority in men and equipment, what reason is there to believe that the Nationalists would perform differently against a much better armed and consolidated enemy? Even if the Chinese Communists did not invoke their defense treaty with Russia—and there is no guarantee that they would not—such an invasion would end the neutralization of Formosa and leave that island vulnerable to retaliation. Far more serious is the fact that Americans would have to supply and transport the Nationalist force and thus would inevitably become involved with the success or failure of the expedition. This sort of overextended commitment is one which no responsible military leader has been willing to make.

We wish that Governor Warren also had challenged the assumption that there are 300,000 fighting men on Formosa—or 500,000 or 600,000, as Senator Taft has sometimes held. Americans who have been on Formosa recently, some of them Republicans, have put the number of trained troops at something less than 100,000. The remainder of Chiang's tatterdemalion forces seem virtually to have disintegrated. What Senator Taft has mistaken for a Gideon's Army can be described more truthfully as a Coxey's Army.

Veteran Congressman Daughton, of North Carolina, not to seek re-election.

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by EDGAR A. GUEST

Mr. Guest

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And will when men of science to seek for truth are free.
New Hope for Hearts is promised with these the gifts we ask;
The time to search for knowledge, the means to do the task.

THE PLACE WHERE SPRING IS

(From: New York Times)

Spring will be here on March 21, at 5:26 A. M. Anyone who wants to see it arrive can do so by sitting up until, or setting up at, that hour. But spring will not appear with a salute of twenty-one guns, or even an audible click. Spring, like a Broadway show, is a product of preparations and rehearsals. Like Broadway shows, it opens out of town. It is well to consider these facts now, so that we will not be surprised next month.

Spring's road company is touring the south. It has done well, so we are informed, in Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. Meanwhile the scene designers and costumers have been busy in their workshops in the north. Buds have been brought out of winter storage, inspected for damage done by insects or frost or errors in manufacture, and made ready for unpacking. Characters who did not go on tour are being rehearsed, and the great theatre in which the final presentation will take place is being completely renovated. There is no box office and no charge for seats. There will be room for all.

But there should be one word of warning for those who wish to make the most of this annual production, which this year will be bigger and better than ever. It is not easy to say just where spring is. It may be down south. It may be up north. It may be in a meadow or on the sunny side of a woody hill. It may be under the moon, too. To hear its approach, during these intervening days, we must listen to the tiniest sounds, and to see it we must have an eye for the smallest quiver of a twig. And we must treat whatever our calendar age, to be young and pure of heart; for such an audience spring's producer works his special magic.

CAN WE SETTLE WITH CHINA?

(Christian Science Monitor)

Americans may have to choose before long between some kind of settlement with the Chinese Red and a determined effort to conquer China. Whether or not there is a truce in Korea, the Red politics offensive will continue.

There's this about television: The more unsuitable the program, the quieter it keeps the children.
—Boston Globe

THE QUESTION OF AGES

(Eastern Shore News

The Junior Woman's Club of Accomack County, its forces augmented by other such groups throughout the state, is seeking the legislature to change Virginia's school age law, giving more leeway to beginners.

Under the present set-up, a child must have reached his 6th birthday by the opening of school in September, in order to enroll for that year. The proponents of the change would have the time liberalized to permit the admission of children whose birthdays fall anywhere during the school year.

They point out that in instances where children reach their 6th year during the fall months they are required to wait a full year before beginning school and when they do begin, are forced to start with children who are not in their age group.

Already some opposition has been voiced both by educators and from within the ranks of the supporting organization. The opposition's big argument is that children who have not attained their 6th year are not mature enough mentally and fall behind in their work. Some teachers claim that this fact follows the child through all his school years and has a direct bearing on his standing in high school.

This objection, however, would seem to be taking in considerable territory. It would seem that teachers, more than anyone else, would be the first to realize that no two children are alike, either mentally, physically or psychologically and where one child, under 6, may be immature, another the same age may be far advanced.

By the same token, a child who waits a full year before entering school and finds himself with younger children may become bored, once his growing mind passes that of his contemporaries. This too, would be reflected by his falling behind in his work.

It would seem that the system would work out much better for everyone if the time was liberalized but that schools inaugurated classification tests to determine the mental developement of the charges and instruct them accordingly. This system is used effectively in several states which rank high in public education.

The obvious objection to that will be that it would necessitate the formation of additional classes in our already over-crowded schools. But what about local schools (Onancock for instance) that already are dividing their first two or three grades.

A TALE OF TWO ZONES AND TWO CHILDREN

(Answers, London)

The latest story from Berlin is of an east German minister inspecting a factory. The senior worker was presented to him and the minister was told that he was the father of the managing director.

"Any more children?" the worker was asked. "One," was the reply. "He is in the western zone and is on the dole."

"Shameful! We must call him back."

"For pity's sake, don't do that, comrade minister," said the veteran. "He has to support the whole family."

From Our Early Files

Items from the files of the Times-Virginian:

ONE YEAR AGO

Mrs. F. F. Carr, Mrs. S. S. Shouse, Mrs. C. D. Staples and Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr.attended fourth unit of Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Judging School at Longwood College, Farmville.

Health Department announces x-ray clinic at Health Center.

Six local men leave for induction into the armed forces.

Red Cross Bloodmobile gathers 119 pints of blood in visit to Appomattox.

Pamplin High School basketball team undefeated for the season.

TWO YEARS AGO

Census Bureau seeking more enumerators for 1950 census count.

State Senate passes bill offered by Senator C. T. Moses appropriating $5,000 for furnishing a room at the McLean House here.

First meeting indicates full line up of teams in Skyline League.

Over 200 people attended a mass meeting to discuss school building needs in the county.

Mrs. Gladys Lacedo is named Worthy Matron of Eastern Star.

Politicians, not voters, decide who gets a chance to run for President of the U. S. The voters, every four years, only get a chance to decide which man of those selected by the politicians, they prefer for the job. —Business Week.

Good times is the period when accumulate debts you're unable to pay in bad times. —Lapsey County (Miss.) Press.

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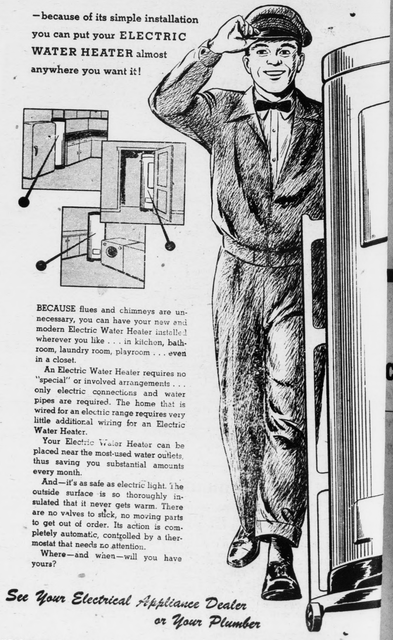

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Rocks

ROCKS, Feb. 18.- It was real winter weather here last week-end. Looked like it was ground hog weather, too.

Toby Inge is out after being sick a few days last week.

Robert Roach was doing some plowing down at L. K. Almond's last Friday.

Mrs. Royal Seay and children and Mrs. Wesley Seay and children of Richmond were here recently to see their mother, Mrs. R. C. Baldwin, who continues ill.

Christine Dickerson was sick with a cold Sunday.

Sandra Roach and Mr. and Mrs Rodney Roach spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. W. F. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar called in the home of Mr. and Mrs Edward Ranson awhile Sunday afternoon late.

Mrs. Bernice Martin, of Lynchburg and Mrs. D. W. Dinkins attended preaching at Rocks Sunday, and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ranson, as Mr. Ranson celebrated his birthday.

Our community was made sad over the week-end when Bruce H. Paulette was killed in a car wreck near Brookneal. Our sympathy is extended to his dear wife and children and the R. J. Paulette family.

Quite a few from here called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paulette Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. D. R. Inge is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dickerson and children Sunday.

The Rev. David L. Bailey preached a fine sermon here on Sunday morning. Text: The Second Coming of Christ.

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Evergreen

EVERGREEN, Feb 19—H. C. Staples, Mrs. Ruth Jennings, Mrs. W. W. Jennings and Mrs. T. L. Simpson attended the Rural life meeting at the Methodist Church at Forest Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farrar of Roanoke spent a few days last week at their home here.

Tom Hodge of Beckly, W. Va., spent a few days last week in the home of his son, Jack Hodge, and Miss Blannie Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin and children, Junior and Virginia Lee, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Shope Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ernest Farrar has been ill but is some better at this writing.

The Mirla Jennings circle meeting was held in the home of Mr. Z. V. Harvey Saturday night with a large crowd present.

Mrs. W. C. Garrett returned home today from Virginia Baptist Hospital much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Martin of Gladstone visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Clapp, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson of Farmville called in the home of Mrs. Emma Thomas Sunday evening.

A Sunday School Study was taught by Rev. David L. Baily last week. It was very inspiring.

A sad gloom was cast over our community here Saturday night to hear of the death of Bruce Paulette at Brookneal in an automobile wreck. We extend sympathy to his loved ones.

Mrs. J. K. Hamilton called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar Wednesday evening.

PAMPLIN VICINITY

Mrs. S. R. Hubbard and her sister, Mrs. C. M. Gallaher, of Lynchburg were dinner guests Friday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Ferguson and children spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Swanson Anderson, and Mr. Anderson, of Farmville.

Mrs. Mary St. John is spending a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs. Cornelia Gills.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams and son, Edwin, of Farmville spent Sunday in the home of his father, D. B. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis, of Cumberland; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richardson and family all called to see Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby on Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Taylor of Huntington, W. Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard and son, Billy, and grandson, Buddy Dowdy, were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Meadows.

Miss Elnora Glover and Clifford Finchum called to see Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams are the proud parents of a baby boy born Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Milliner and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Jack Williams, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Jennie Finchum and son, James Ray, all of Farmville, called to see Mrs. Judy Glover Sunday.

Mr. Walter Richardson is recovering from a spell of pluriisy.

Miss Edna Mae Davis spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yates and family in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bryant spent the week-end in Martinsville with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Judd Mason.

Mrs. Eunice Baldwin and son, Kenieth, spent Sunday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James Blackwell and son called to see Mrs. Greene Garrett Sunday.

Gladstone

Gladstone, Feb. 19.- Mrs. B. M. Wallace is spending several weeks in Roanoke with relatives.

D. E. Walton, Calvin Harris and Conrad Moore spent the week-end in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Quinn and baby son spent yesterday in Lynchburg.

The Rev. E. W. Dean, of Amherst made several pastoral calls here recently.

Dewey Golsby, of Howardsville, spent the week-end here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Banton and sons visited with Mrs. Banton's mother, Mrs. Pearl Watts in Madison Heights during the past week-end.

Colored Dots

An appreciative crowd attended the regular services at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special message on "Brotherhood." The church choir rendered special music.

The general public is invited to the closing exercices of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 8:00 p. m. The program will include members from several of the local churches. Each missionary society or church is cordially invited to attend. The program is given for the benefit of the church.

The partons and friends of the Carver High School are asked to attend the regular monthly meeting of the P.-T. A. this Monday evening at 7:30. A report from the cafeteria committee will be made. All pastors of the county are urged to attend this special meeting.

A large crowd attended the special meeting of the Health for Victory Club last Monday evening at the Carver High School. Devotionals were conducted by Rev. C. H. Hill, of Prospect. Music was directed by Professor J. T. Butler. The local N. F. A. quartet rendered two selections. Mrs. Theda Harris gave a financial report, which was very encouraging. Mrs. Price gave a very helpful address and reported to the organization a check for $283.00, that she had collected during the last several months. R. Q. Lawing presided and gave the history of the organization. Another meeting will be called soon.

Rev. C. A. Marshall married William Mosely to Miss Jane Elizabeth Lee at his home last Sunday morning before relatives and friends of both families.

The funeral of the late Rev. Frank Jones will be conducted from the Peakes Baptist Church Friday at 2 P. M. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Marshall, will officiate.

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Many a morning Cappy and I drove off in that rattletrap for a day's hunting or fishing. We'd pile rods or guns in back, and prop open the trunk compartment—so Jigger, Cappy's pointer, could jump in and go along.

They say when Cappy brought the new car home he opened up the hood to show off the engine, and poor old Jiggs hopped right in! Figured it was the trunk. He hopped right out in a hurry, too. That cylinder head was mighty hot.

From where I sit, old habits are hard to shake, once they get a hold. Like, for instance, too many people are still in the habit of trying to run their neighbors' lives—telling them how to act, what to wear, whether or not to enjoy a refreshing glass of beer. I say that kind of thinking's outmoded . . . ought to be turned in for a new model!

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